



# 2025 Legacy Journeys

### **Journey to:**

**Little St. Simons Island** to discover the abundant wildlife found among the wetlands, shell-strewn beaches and maritime forests of coastal Georgia. ▶ *page 4* 

**Southern Louisiana** to explore its rich, iconic ecosystems and see how its conservation benefits wildlife and downstream communities. ▶ page 6

Pine Butte Preserve in Montana to delight in breathtaking views as you spend your days exploring a jewel of the Crown of the Continent. ▶ page 8

Alaska's Kenai Peninsula to marvel at the forests, glaciers, marine diversity and spectacular wildlife that distinguish "The Last Frontier" of the U.S. ▶ page 10

Hart Prairie Preserve in Arizona to surround yourself with the awe-inspiring scenery of the American Southwest. ▶ page 12





# Dear Legacy Club Member,

With next year right around the corner, it's not too early to make your travel plans. You are invited to join The Nature Conservancy on our 2025 Legacy Journeys!

As a Legacy Club member, you know that TNC conserves lands and waters around the world. In 2025, we're offering a slate of inspiring and breathtakingly beautiful destinations that showcase our work. We designed these just for you and your fellow Legacy Club members.

From the bayous of southern Louisiana to mountaintop meadows in Montana to Alaskan glaciers, each of these five journeys offers an opportunity to connect with like-minded travelers, explore special places and gain insights into local history and culture. You will also connect with TNC staff and local partners who will showcase how TNC is working to advance biodiversity conservation and help people and wildlife adjust to a changing climate.

Whether this is your first time joining us or you've been on past Legacy Journeys, I hope you'll consider making us part of your 2025 travel plans. No matter what you decide, thank you for your incredible support of the natural world.

Best wishes,

Meg B. Thomson

Associate Director, Legacy Club Program

Visit **nature.org/legacyjourneys** for TNC's travel requirements and further information.

Questions about any of the departures?

Please reach out to the travel specialist listed for the specific journey or contact TNC's Legacy Journeys travel manager, Erin Crowther, at



erin.crowther@tnc.org or (317) 829-1873.

We've included icons to represent anticipated journey activities to help you consider if a trip is a good fit for you. For a full legend of the icons, see page 16.

# Little St. Simons Island







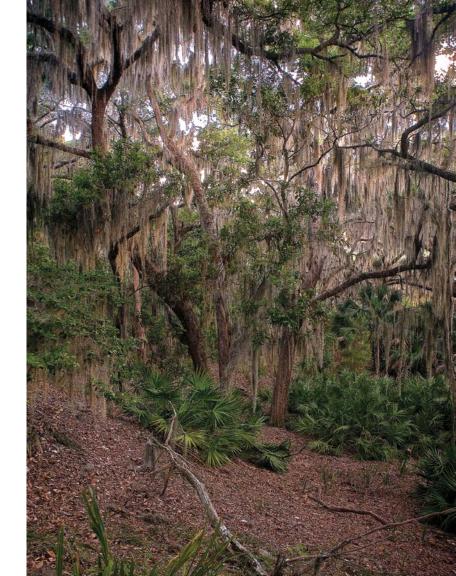






**Experience quiet beauty on the Georgia coast** and the breathtaking ecological riches found on Little St. Simons Island. This privately owned barrier island is accessible only by boat and has been managed as a conservation property for generations. Its wetlands, woods and changing coastline beckon exploration by foot and kayak. A prime spot for bird-watching, get a close-up look at birds feeding in the morning shadows and surf. Whether paddling on tidal creeks and salt marshes or strolling through maritime forests with moss-draped oaks, you're sure to enjoy this delightful island.

- Hop in a truck for a guided excursion with naturalists who live and work on the island.
- Tuck into a bird blind to observe egrets, wood storks, herons and roseate spoonbills.
- Kayak along tidal creeks surrounded by thousands of acres of protected coastal salt marsh.
- Scan the shores and marshes for migrating waterbirds and American alligators.











One of Georgia's first living shorelines was established at Little St. Simons Island by TNC and partners. Stabilizing banks with native plants and live oyster beds to prevent erosion from tides, storms and runoff serves as a natural alternative to concrete sea walls or bulkheads. This work is making the island's shoreline more resilient in the face of climate change and replenishing the local oyster population. Oysters play an important role in filtering water and enhancing fish habitat.

## March 9-14

## $\textbf{INFORMATION} \, / \, \, \textbf{RESERVATIONS}$

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#### **OCCUPANCY**

Double Single \$3,313/person \$5,125/person

**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 24 travelers, and a maximum of 30.

# Southern Louisiana









Let the bayous and beauty of southern Louisiana fuel your passion for nature. Brimming with character and history, the Pelican State takes pride in its Creole and Cajun culture, crawfish boils, jazz, cypress swamps and Gulf Coast cuisine. It also harbors diverse and highly threatened habitats, including remnant tracts of longleaf pine savanna that once covered more than 90 million acres of the southeastern United States, the most expansive floodplain swamp (at nearly 1 million acres), and one of North America's largest wading bird rookeries. Join us for an insider's look at these unique natural areas on an adventure that reveals a side of Louisiana most visitors never see.

- Learn about rare native plant and animal species as you walk beneath the canopy of towering longleaf pines at TNC's Abita Creek Flatwoods Preserve.
- Join TNC scientists on a guided tour of the Cypress Island Preserve to catch glimpses of turtles, alligators, roseate spoonbills and a variety of migrating birds.
- Board a skiff to explore among cypress and tupelo trees draped with Spanish moss as you keep an eye out for migratory birds.











Conserving Louisiana's water—from freshwater rivers and streams to the deep blue sea—requires a whole systems approach. This includes working inland to restore and manage healthy forests that store and filter water and atmospheric carbon, and to reconnect floodplains and functioning wetlands that support wildlife and prevent flooding. Along the Gulf Coast, TNC is fortifying estuarine habitats like oyster reefs that filter water, buffer the shoreline against wind and waves, and support local livelihoods. Our comprehensive, large-scale approach makes Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico region a more resilient and productive place for people to live, work and play.

# **April 14-18**

**INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS** (800) 329-4930 concierge@iconicadventures.com

### OCCUPANCY

Double	Single
\$5,560/person	\$6,160/person

**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 13 travelers, and a maximum of 15.

# Pine Butte Preserve











Where the mountains meet the prairie in northwest Montana lie vast expanses of wilderness that are habitats for moose, mountain lions, lynx and birds ranging from warblers to raptors. The Nature Conservancy's Pine Butte Preserve serves as home base for a remarkable journey in Big Sky Country. In this showcase of one of North America's most intact and wild ecosystems, you'll find dramatic limestone peaks that tower above native grasslands and views that seemingly go on forever. The opportunities to explore its diverse habitats seem just as endless. Through hikes, horseback rides and guided tours, you'll have a unique chance to experience this rugged and beautiful region.

- Set out on trails that pass lush wetlands, century-old pines and alpine streams.
- Accompany TNC Montana staff as they guide you through critically important habitats that support many exceptional plants and animals.
- Keep an eye out for signs of grizzly bears, moose and elk.
- Head out for an all-day trail ride through the high meadows of the Rocky Mountain foothills.











Pine Butte Preserve harbors unique, groundwater-fed wetlands that attract a variety of species that travel between the grasslands of the Great Plains and higher elevations of the Rocky Mountains. Depending on the time of year, grizzly bears, beavers, mountain lions, deer, lynx, moose, bighorn sheep and about 200 species of birds visit Pine Butte. To conserve this landscape at a larger, more meaningful scale, TNC, along with community partners, manages the land in a way that benefits the area's spectacular wildlife, unique ecology and local, often traditional, livelihoods.

# July 7-12

INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS (800) 329-4930 concierge@iconicadventures.com

#### **OCCUPANCY**

Double	Single
\$6,310/person	\$6,310/person

**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 13 travelers, and a maximum of 15.

# Alaska's Kenai Peninsula









Tap into your inner adventurer in Alaska. Find inspiration in emerald old-growth rainforests, staggeringly blue rivers and seas, Alaska Native cultures and a vast array of species alongside TNC experts. Explore the place where millions of migrating wild salmon return each year to spawn. See where grizzly and black bears, moose, orcas and humpback whales regularly roam. Our journey narrows in on the territory of the Dena'ina people, the Kenai Peninsula, a wilderness located south of Anchorage that is home to iconic wildlife against a backdrop of glaciers, snow-capped mountains and spectacular waters.

- Scan for eagles, salmon, bears and moose during a guided rafting excursion on the Kenai River.
- Cruise the rugged coastline of Kenai Fjords National Park in search of whales, puffins and sea lions.
- Board the historic Alaska Railroad for a scenic backcountry rail tour.
- Discover the works of native artisans at the Alaska Native Heritage Center.











One of the world's last great wild places, Alaska is a shining example of how nature and people can thrive together. Its lush forests, rolling tundra, clear streams and extensive coastal waters support abundant fish and wildlife populations. Alaskans have long relied on these rich resources for their culture, sustenance and livelihoods. The Nature Conservancy is working to ensure the long-term health of local communities by addressing the social, environmental and economic factors that affect them. By meeting the needs of people, conservation can become a priority.

# **August 23-30**

INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS (907) 783-2928 reservations@alaska-wildland.com

### **OCCUPANCY**

Double	Single
\$6,495/person	\$7,995/person

**Note:** This trip must have a minimum of 6 travelers, with a maximum of 16.

# Hart Prairie Preserve



An Arizona mountain oasis, the 1870s homestead at Hart Prairie Preserve was gifted to The Nature Conservancy to protect the sensitive ecosystems of this high-elevation landscape. From your stay in a charming, rustic log cabin, explore the 245-acre preserve and the old-growth ponderosa pine, aspen groves, herds of elk and deer, porcupine, badgers, abundant bird species and meadows of wildflowers that call it home. Take in Hart Prairie's enchanting grove of rare Bebb willows as you learn why this place is special and what TNC is doing to protect it. We will also venture off-site to kayak the Wild and Scenic Verde River and visit the unforgettable Grand Canyon National Park.

- Take in the stunning vista and watch for wildlife with Mount Humphreys, Arizona's tallest mountain, as the backdrop.
- Hike the South Kaibab Trail and marvel at the beauty of the Grand Canyon's South Rim.
- Visit Northern Arizona University to learn about forest restoration and explore university labs where cutting-edge forest science is conducted.
- Kayak on the Verde River, the lifeblood of the region.











In the American West, increasingly dry forests are threatened by catastrophic wildfire made worse by a changing climate and suppression of the natural fire on which these landscapes depend. Along with partners and guided by science, Arizona is leading the way in restoring these forests with programs like thinning tree density and reintroducing good fire. Working collaboratively, TNC Arizona is helping partners innovate, increasing the pace and scale of restoration, and returning these forests to resilient, healthy, thriving ecosystems.

# September 15-20

**INFORMATION / RESERVATIONS** (800) 329-4930 concierge@iconicadventures.com

#### **OCCUPANCY**

Double	Single
\$5,860/person	\$5,860/person

**Note:** This trip must have 10 travelers.





# Is a Journey Right for You?

When considering whether a trip is right for you, look closely at the itinerary and discuss your ability level with the tour operator. Travelers should be able to walk as many as 3 miles over uneven terrain with some elevation gain per day. Some trips may include activities such as boating, snorkeling or swimming. Expect to be outdoors for four to eight hours on most days. A range of weather conditions is possible during each trip. If you do not wish to participate in an activity, discuss this with the tour operator prior to the trip, and, if possible, accommodations will be made.

With each journey, we are committed to travel practices that have a minimal impact on our planet. These include, but are not limited to:

- utilizing environmentally and socially responsible vendors;
- pursuing carbon offsets for each traveler to establish a carbon-neutral program; and
- · reducing waste.

While we want to host as many supporters to experience nature and TNC's work as possible, we limit the number of travelers on these journeys to:

- ensure travelers have the opportunity to personally connect with TNC staff;
- promote relationship and community building with fellow travelers; and
- provide a variety of activities that are best accomplished with smaller groups.

Note that the prices quoted in this brochure are estimates and may be different based on taxes and incidental fees.

### **Icon Legend**







Birding

Boat tour

Cycling







**Fishing** 

Hiking

Horseback riding









Kayaking

Rafting

Scenic train tour







Stargazing

Wildlife Walking viewing

**QUESTIONS?** Our Legacy Club team is here to help with questions about your opportunities and communications, and about TNC's conservation work. Email **LCteam@tnc.org** and a team member will get back to you!

By printing 2025 Legacy Journeys on 100% post-consumer recycled paper made with windmill energy, we save: 15.51 trees, 729 pounds of landfill, 1,436 pounds of greenhouse emissions, 6,590 gallons of water and 10,988,800 BTUs of energy.

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